

ARRIVING AT FORT BENNING for an inspection of 2nd Army troops stationed here, Lieut. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, commanding general of the 2nd army with headquarters in Memphis, is shown above, at right, as he was met at Lawson field air base by high-ranking Benning officers. On the left is Maj. Gen. Leven C. Allen, commandant of the Infantry school, and in the center is Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, commanding general of Fort Benning. General Fredendall is the hero of the landing at Qam, North Africa. He formerly was commanding general of the 4th Motorized division and commanding general of Fort Benning in 1940-1941. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

General Fredendall Visits Fort Benning

Hero Of Oran Notes Definite Improvement In American Soldier

The lessons learned in actual combat by his comrades in arms are now serving the American soldier in training in the United States in good stead and he has done his part during the past year. Lt. General Lloyd R. Fredendall, commanding general of the Second Army, declared Tuesday while on a one-day visit here. General Fredendall said that the effects of thorough army training during the past year have become "very apparent."

Flanked by high-ranking members of his staff, General Fredendall came to Benning to inspect various units of the 2nd army which are stationed at the post under the command of Col. George E. Jacobs.

As he finished his inspection here, General Fredendall said that the effects of thorough army training during the past year have become "very apparent." He said that since maneuvers are just now, troops now are "definitely more interested" in doing a good job.

"The soldier today knows that this war is being played for keeps," General Fredendall observed. "The men are more determined than ever to be in the best physical shape possible and

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Five Companies, 2nd STR, 100% In Life Insurance

The first five companies in the Second Student Training Regiment to report perfect records in holdings of National Service Life Insurance are the 7th, 11th, 17th, 18th and 26th. This means that each and every enlisted man and officer in these five companies has signed up for the maximum coverage of \$10,000 in government insurance.

Capt. John B. Torinus, insurance officer of the Second Regiment, said that other companies are nearing the 100 per cent mark as the drive in the regiment moves toward the goal of full insurance coverage for all.

The insurance now carried by the men and officers in the Second Regiment totals between forty and fifty million dollars.

Army Camouflage Too Good, Soldier Avers

Sergeant's Suit Bears Concrete Evidence; Truck Runs Over Hideout

Sergeant Lester Wilson of Fort Benning's Parachute School entertains no qualms about the effectiveness of the U. S. Army's camouflage equipment. In fact, Wilson thinks it is "too darned good."

An instructor in the Parachute School's camouflage division, Wilson, who is a former resident of 3233 Brandis street, Erie, Pa., was engaged with other troops in a demonstration for a group of West Point cadets here last week.

Clad in green camouflage suits which had been scarcely seen by the untrained paratroopers hauled out of C-47 transports high over Fort Benning, the cadets and other students taking part in the problem watched the camouflaged

troopers with camouflaged 'chutes.

The jumpers, when they landed, fell prone on the ground and remained still to determine if the observers could spot them. Minutes were by and Sergeant Wilson remained seated under his camouflage.

However, as he lay on his stomach, Sergeant Wilson shortly heard a stumble approaching and soon was aware of a quarter-ton truck passing over his body—with all four wheels, two of which crossed his legs and two his back.

That failed to move Sergeant Wilson, though, and he remained still until the peculiar story did not come to light this morning when Wilson was about to don his camouflage suit again and his buddies noticed some muddy tire marks across the back which caused considerable questioning.

NEW TICKET BOOTH

An enlarged and improved ticket booth is being constructed at the Main Theater, 111 East Stewart street. Captain Robert K. Hamilton, 1st Lt., Martin, James K. West, Edgar Barrett, Furman G. Bobo, William F. Crick, Jr., Howard W. Bush, F. A. Harrison, Jr., George F. Arneson, 1st Lt., and First Lieutenant of the Weapons Section, Captains John W. Stewart, James E. Young, Robert Welch and First Lieutenants Frank T. Miller, Jr., and Edward B. Lee, Jr., formerly of the General Section will also take an active part in the training of the ASTP basics.

Jane may not be so well-known to uninitiated civilians, but to every G. I. she's a barracks institution. Just as your bunkmate to show you whose picture adorns the inside of his foot locker, or to show off the exposure of the secrets of his locker door, Ten to one it'll be Jane Russell in one of her familiar poses. The current issue of Yank carries a full-page shot of La Russell that's a dilly.

And fellows, take it from a G. I. who went, saw and was conquered. She's a hoot and her features don't lie. There is no one who can dispute that Jane Russell

is a beauty. Her lovely dark hair, sparkling brown eyes, almost-olive skin, and lithe figure rate her as a rare type of American beauty.

Withal, however, she's a very natural person and completely unaffected by her G. I. admirers. She's warm and friendly and has happily forsaken the glamour life of Hollywood for the career of an Army wife.

Jane's hubby of six weeks is Officer Candidate Bob Waterfield of the 13th Company, 3rd Student Training Regiment. Bob's quite a fellow in his right, being best Mr. Big of the U. C. L. A. football team that gave Georgia's Bulldogs such a biff in the Rose Bowl on January 1 of this year.

Jane, of course, was the sides-lines for that game just as she had been for every Army game during the last two years. No Waterfield was such a scourge to Uclan opponents! Only ironical thing about her present home is that she has had to come into the lair of the hated Georgia Bulldogs to bear her hubby.

LIKES BENNING

But the screen beauty likes Fort Benning and Columbus and is quite contented, as long as she can be. Her Bob, however, serves two weeks after their marriage, so she'll remain on the West Coast, but after three weeks of loneliness, she packed up and came here.

Jane can only see her sandy-haired husband on week-ends but it's a comfort to her, know that he's only a few miles away. And she looks forward longingly to the day some three months hence.

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Janie Russell Sweeps

Jane Russell, beauteous Hollywood actress and former model, has forsaken the film capital for Fort Benning, has given up her career to be an Army wife. Married to Bob Waterfield, former star quarterback of the UCLA team that lost to Georgia in the Rose Bowl last January, Jane has moved into a modest cottage in downtown Columbus.

From now on, her only career will be that of taking care of her husband while he is in officer candidate school at Benning and then staying with him as long as

She Does The Dishes

Uncle Sam makes it convenient to do so. Jane spends her time keeping house, appearing at service clubs and at entertainments for Fort Benning soldiers, and waiting patiently for her soldier husband to come home for weekends. She plans to do Red Cross work and perhaps take a job to help pass the time until her husband graduates.

Her career, which won her the distinction of being one of Hollywood's most beautiful women, started quite simply. She was a model in Tom Kelly's studio in Hollywood and one day, while her picture was displayed in the

And Sprinkles The Lawn

studio window, a Howard Hughes' talent scout happened by. The minute he saw it, he hastened inside shouting, "Who?" Kelley, the sphinx, smiled and merely said, "Just a nice little country girl."

Hughes' scout snatched up the picture, rushed to his boss, proudly displayed it, pulled a Philo Vance, and the next thing Jane knew, she was under contract to Howard Hughes. That very night she was called in for testing, and within a week, was signed to play the lead opposite Jack Beutel in "The Outlaw."

And Pours Coffee For Hubby

A terrific publicity campaign was launched and Jane still holds the all-high publicity record in Hollywood. Millions of dollars were spent to place her before the public, and although she has made only one picture, her face and figure are more familiar than many stars who have been at the top for years.

But now she is glad to forget that career and finds it much more exciting to wait each evening for that call that comes in at a certain time from a certain six-foot-one inch, sandy-haired ex-football player. (Signal Lab photo by Kortemeier.)

Soldier Fought Boredom On Lonely Pacific Island

He has never faced a German or a Jap in combat, but for an uninterrupted 13 months Vincent Bartolomeo of the Third Company, Third Student Training Regiment, fought a soldier's worst two enemies, loneliness and boredom.

He battled these pernicious twins from a little spot of land half the size of Benning, isolated in the vast stretches of the South Pacific and designated as a secret base. Bartolomeo and his buddy had contact with the outside world only through a short wave radio and occasional visits by a boat. A canteen boat pulled up to the island an average of once in four days.

Off duty, the soldiers had to find entertainment in the radio or a rare, ancient moving picture. For eight months the men subsisted on dehydrated foods. For weeks on end there were no such things as candy, cookies, beer and other luxuries available at post exchanges.

Inhabited by Polynesians, the island offered no evidence of civilization beyond a footpath and three primitive stores, Bartolomeo said.

Bartolomeo, 25 years old and a resident of Pittsburgh, was a commercial artist in civilian life. He has a brother, Sgt. Richard Bartolomeo, who is in Africa.

AST Soldiers Chorus Organized, Harmony Church

The first performance of the recently organized soldier's chorus of the First Battalion, Fourth Training Regiment of the Army Specialized Training Program Basic Training Center of The Infantry School was given last week in the Small Hall at the Auditorium in the Harmony Church.

The chorus is made up of personnel of the First and Second companies and is directed by Mr. Arthur Hall, U. S. O. musical director. It shows the benefit of training a soldier's addition to the many excellent musical organizations on the Post.

In addition to the chorus numbers of recorded music were presented.

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538 Armored Infantry Trains

Drawing its officers and enlisted cadre from four armored divisions, the 538th Armored Infantry unit, Fort Benning's newest combat outfit, the 538th Armored Infantry Battalion, is typically American in origin—tracing its ancestry in as many directions as a spider weaves its web.

Maj. Milledge L. Beckwith, commanding, comes from the 6th Armored Division at Camp Cooke, California. A veteran of nearly eight years active duty and of five maneuvers, Major Beckwith was in the Armored Force School where he served until the time of his selection to the 1st Armored Division. He graduated from the Armored Force School at Fort Knox, Kentucky, 2nd class, and joined the 4th Armored Division upon activation, remaining there until the 4th Armored Division's inactivation.

Maj. Chas. D. Young, executive officer, who was with 10th Armored Division here until the 538th was activated May 25, served with Major Beckwith in the 8th Armored Division. The 4th Armored Division at Pine Camp, N. Y., until its inactivation.

Nine other 10th Armored officers were transferred to the 538th, among them Capts. Brady J. Dayton, Jr., Howard L. Weeks and Col. W. H. Hood.

One hundred and three enlisted cadre came from the 5th Armored, now on maneuvers in Tennessee. Their experience includes three months on the California desert and two months in the desert training films at Warner Bros. ranch near Hollywood.

Though its recruits have not yet arrived, the 538th has been busy putting into practical application Major Beckwith's idea of making it a right fit throughout the Infantry School.

Key personnel are taking refresher courses and all officers and men are undergoing intensive training in physical conditioning and instructional methods. As Major Beckwith has seen so much cooperation among different commands as he has been given here, Major Beckwith said.

The 538th Armored, now quartered in the old ROTC area on Main Post, expects to move to Sand Hill before July 1.

SUPPLY ADVANCE

Four enlisted men of the Supply Detachment, Supply Division, Section Two, Fourth Service Command, Fort Benning, have been promoted to sergeant. Sgt. John C. Horn has been raised to staff sergeant, and Technician Fifth Grade Jessie Barnes has been promoted to sergeant. Pfc. Ligon H. Hall has been elevated to the rank of technician fifth grade, and Private Norman Brown is now private first class.

by 1st Lt. John S. Thomas, Special Service officer of the Regiment.

Spirit Officers' Wives Club Will Meet on July 7

The 176th Infantry Officers' Wives Club will meet July 7 at the Main Post Officers' Club at 1:30 p. m.

The wife of every officer of the regiment is invited and urged to attend by Mrs. John G. Folker, president of the club. Plans will be discussed at this meeting whereby the club can make a distinct contribution toward the war effort.

Officers appointed to the Notification Committee were Madames George A. Bridgers, John B. Cheson, Douglas Clinely, Hugh A. Cardozza, Everett A. Balser, and Richard G. Gilbert. The Collection Committee will include Mrs. Lewis A. Lush, Mrs. George F. Reed and Mrs. Robert Fugate.

300th Infantry Promotes 18 Men

Promotions came to 18 men of the 300th Infantry this past week according to an announcement here by Col. Richard G. McKee, commanding officer.

Promoted to sergeant were Cpl. Carl O. Axen, Co. B, Cpl. Robert H. Clodfelter, Co. B, Cpl. Don J. Snyder, Co. B, Cpl. Dean W. Winkler, Co. B, Cpl. Woodrow W. Corlew, Co. I.

Up the ladder to technician fourth grade went T-5 Andrew Smerik, Med. Det., and T-5 John H. Rodda, Jr., Med. Det.

Promoted to corporal were Pfc. Robert P. Schaefer, Co. E, Pfc. Jephthah B. Keen, Co. E, Pfc. Fred J. Maas, Co. H, Pfc. Kenneth G. Correll, Co. D.

From private first class and private to technician fifth grade went Phillip A. Gerritzen, Antim. Co., Andrew C. E., Kenneth C. Tomer, Service Co., Weldon J. Murray, Cannon Co., Thomas B. Aubrey, Med. Det., John C. Dallotta, Med. Det., and William A. Kennedy, Med. Det.

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3rd STR Officers Rate Promotion

Three first lieutenants have been promoted to captains and one second lieutenant has been raised to first lieutenant in the Third Student Training Regiment, Col. R. H. Lord, commanding officer.

Lieutenants William B. McGarry, John Dutcher Austin and Roy W. Cureton are now captains, and Second Lieutenant Wil-

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Capt. McAllister To Command AST Hq. Company

Capt. Albert J. McAllister, of Ithaca, N. Y., has been named company commander of Headquarters Company of the Army Specialized Training Program Basic Training Center of the Infantry School, according to Colonel Sevier R. Tupper, commanding officer of the new training center for young selectees.

Captain McAllister, former executive assistant manager of the Windermere Hotels at Chicago, Ill., entered the armed forces June 6, 1941, and in less than a year worked his way up through the ranks and received his commission as a second lieutenant at the Infantry Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning. Upon his graduation from O. C. S. on May 1, 1942, he was assigned as assistant secretary of the Infantry Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning for the year. Since that time he has been connected with the Officers' club.

A graduate of Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., Captain McAllister succeeds Capt. Perry N. Riley, who has been given a new assignment.

Former Engineer Specialists May Transfer To CE

Enlisted men who were specialists in many engineering lines or who had years of general construction experience, may now be transferred to the Corps of Engineers from other organizations in the Army, it was announced today by Capt. John H. Baird, area engineer, Fort Benning.

Recently the Corps of Engineers began a campaign to secure voluntary inductions of men with necessary experience, and many men already in the Army inquired about possibilities of transferring. At that time, however, there was no method by which these transfers could be accomplished.

Now, however, specialists or men with years of general construction experience may transfer by requesting from their Commanding Officers a letter asking for an interview, addressed to Captain Baird. If the interview indicates that the man is qualified, machinery will be set in motion to accomplish the transfer, Capt. Baird said.

"No ratings can be assigned until after 13 weeks basic training is completed," Capt. Baird said, but the Area Engineer can reasonably assure the enlisted of probable ratings. "This is not a promise, but this is not a promise, but is an estimate of rating based on experience and qualifications of the applicant."

Furloughs Given For Good Ideas

'Spirit of 176' Sponsors Contest To Improve Regiment's Functioning

"Submit an idea and win a furlough" is the theme being used by the Spirit of 176 weekly newspaper of the 176th of the Infantry School troops.

The contest has been running since April. Each week, suggestions for the improvement of the regiment in its training, use of training or use of equipment are submitted by members of the regiment. The best of these are selected by Captain James Brown, Special Service officer, and forwarded to Col. Edwin Cox, commanding officer.

If the idea is meritorious and is accepted, it's author receives a six-day furlough plus traveling time.

Pfc. Joe F. Scott of Company D has hit the jackpot twice, one week elapsing between each occasion. His suggestion to "set aside one Sunday as a memorial day to those members or former members of the regiment who have lost their lives. Some of the 176th have been transferred to other regiments and gone overseas. Others have died of natural causes or from accidents while serving in the company."

His other suggestion was to roll the mattresses and fold the blankets for airing each day instead of making up bunks in the morning.

10 Enlisted Men In 300th Infantry Get Promotions

Enlisted men received promotions in the 300th Infantry this past week according to an announcement made here by Col. Richard G. McKee, commanding officer.

Edgar L. Faircloth of Service Co. made the jump successfully from sergeant to staff sergeant. Andrew Smerik from the Medical Detachment, and John W. Hultquist, also Medical Detachment, were promoted to technician fifth grade.

Donald R. Steffens, Service Co., Robert L. Gorman, Medical Detachment; Gordon W. Hultquist, also Medical Detachment; Kenneth M. Carroll, Medical Detachment; Thomas B. Albury, Medical Detachment; John C. Dallotta, also Medical Detachment; and William A. Kennedy, Medical Detachment.

Besides amounts due from insurance or pension the dependents of service men receive six months of his base pay provided he is killed in line of duty and not in consequence of his own misconduct.

Major General Leonard Wood, who was Chief of Staff from 1908 to 1914 entered the army in 1888 as an assistant surgeon.

Lard W. Hawke has been promoted to first lieutenant.

Captain McGarry is from Lexington, Ky.; Captain Austin is from Knoxville, Tenn., and Captain Cureton from Greenville, S. C. Lieutenant Hawke hails from Seattle, Wash.

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Captain Merrell Gets AST Post

Officer to Serve As Ass't Adjutant

The appointment of Captain Claude M. Merrell, Bound Brook, N. J., as assistant adjutant of the Army Specialized Training Program Basic Training Center of the Infantry School, according to Colonel Sevier R. Tupper, commanding officer of the new training center for young selectees.

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He has been assigned as assistant adjutant of the Army Specialized Training Program Basic Training Center of the Infantry School at Fort Benning.

Captain Merrell, a graduate of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., and Columbia, New York City, where he received his master's degree in law, was employed by the National Lead company of New York City as auditor prior to his entering the armed forces in March of 1941.

He entered the Infantry Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning in February 1942 and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant May 5 of the same year. After his graduation, Captain Merrell was assigned to the 300th Infantry, Student Training Regiment, at Fort Benning, Georgia, as assistant adjutant of the Student Training Brigade in the same capacity.

Last year he became commanding officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the Brigade and was named assistant adjutant of headquarters with the activation of the Army Specialized Training Program here, he was transferred to the new unit.

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Here is an Army business that makes everybody happy. It is as easy as selling ice cream in the hot Georgia summer. In fact, that is exactly what this business is.

It started a year ago when a group of officers in the Second Student Training Regiment at Fort Benning wondered what could be done to make hot days more bearable to hard-working office candidates and at the same time would not make too much of a dent in the regimental budget.

So the idea of an ice cream plant that would be self-supporting was hit upon. Some second-hand machinery was purchased and set up in a building in the regimental area, centrally located so that soldiers could buy their ice cream right at the plant.

After taking a few kinks out of the machinery and experimenting with different ways of making ice cream, the plant opened in April, and business boomed from the start. Today it is a very smooth-running enterprise, producing about 1,000 gallons of ice cream a month and paying its own way entirely.

VARIETY FLAVORS

One of the factors in the plant's success is its ability to produce ice cream rapidly in a wide variety of flavors. There are never always a dozen different varieties to choose from, and at one time or another the plant has probably made every flavor known to man.

The soldiers' favorites are black walnut, butter pecan, and orange-peach. All flavors are sold in 8-ounce, half-pint, cup, and 20-cent-a-pint.

The plant is open from 10 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. and is run entirely

German, Jap Uniforms Used

In TIS Intelligence Class for Spirits

Officers of the 176th Regiment of the Infantry School troops have gone back to school. A series of weekly instructional periods is now in progress during which new theories and equipment are explained and the old reviewed.

The course has the following set-up of subjects and instructors: Individual Weapons, Major G. A. Bridgers; Orientation, Lt. Col. W. W. Atkins; Flat Trajectory Crew Served Weapons, Major N. S. Mathewson; Mortars, Major J. N. Apperson; Staff Organization, Col. Edwin Cox; Intelligence, Captain C. P. Sirles; new developments in Warfare, Capt. J. N. Chesson, and Tactical Principles, Col. Edwin Cox.

As a special feature of the class, members of the Intelligence and Demonstration platoon demonstrated the normal disposition of the Intelligence personnel when engaged in combat. As part of the demonstration, soldiers dressed in Japanese and German uniforms demonstrated captured enemy weapons, showing various tricks in their use, learned through Intelligence operations.

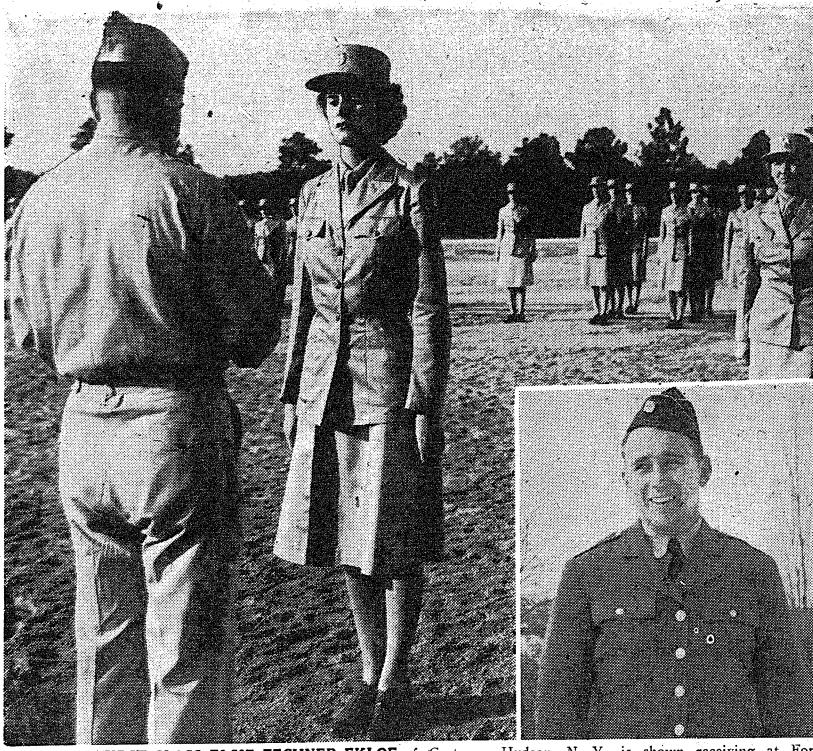
Lt. J. F. Berkowitz discussed the habits and fighting traits of the Italian soldier. Similar discussions were given by Lt. W. Lee D. Pollock on the Germans.

To retain your insurance after receiving an honorable discharge notify the Veteran's Administration at Washington, D. C., your name, rank, serial number, insurance number and your address. Send also any due premiums.

A soldier who has attended a Technical School may apply for transfer to A.S.T.P. if he has necessary qualifications. Only direct assignments to O.C.S. or Aviation Cadet Training have priority over A.S.T.P.

by enlisted men with an officer in charge. One of the busiest times of the day is during the ten-minute breaks when officer candidates come rushing out of nearby classrooms for a quick refresher. At such times, they usually prefer their ice cream fairly soft, so that they can finish it in time to get to class.

Lt. Carlton C. Gandy, T. Sgt. Minor Turner, and T. Sgt. Robert H. Starr, who recently left for the Fourth Regiment, was responsible for the development of the plant. Last August, Capt. Robert B. Barrett was one of the founders.



AUXILIARY FIRST CLASS ELSIE FECHNER EKLOF of Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y., is shown receiving at Fort Benning the Purple Heart, posthumously awarded her husband, Staff Sgt. Harold Eklof, killed in action in Tunisia last April. The presentation was made by Col. Sevier R. Tupper, commanding officer of the Infantry school troops brigade at Fort Benning in the presence of the Harmony church WAAC detachment of the Infantry school to which AFC Eklof is assigned. Second Officer Eleanor Wildes (right) commands the detachment. Sergeant Eklof is pictured in the inset. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Husband's Purple Heart Awarded to Post WAAC

Auxiliary Eklof Loses Mate in Tunisia; Tupper Presents Medal

Auxiliary First Class Elsie Fechner Eklof of the Harmony Church WAAC Detachment of the Infantry School Monday was presented with the Order of the Purple Heart, posthumously awarded her husband, S. Sgt. Harold Eklof, killed in action in Tunisia. The presentation was made by Colonel Sevier R. Tupper, commanding officer of the Student Training Brigade.

AFC Eklof, who received his first stripe less than two weeks ago, was pretty certain she was going to cry. She had known about the award to her husband since she married a husband before he sailed for Africa last October. But she didn't expect a ceremony.

Past the long ranks of auxiliaries especially assembled for the ceremony, she marched with quiet dignity to a position before the four members of the Student Training Board.

Once she confronted Colonel Tupper, she regained her composure, accepted the medal, saluted smartly and returned to the ranks.

MARCHED HOME Then she marched back to her barracks. An order, which she had dreamt of ever getting, was given.

With news of her husband's death came his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Eklof of Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y., were notified first.

The War Department was unable to locate his widow because two months to a day before that April 7, 1943, she had married and enlisted in the WAAC's and had been sent for basic training at Fort Oglethorpe.

Transferred to Fort Benning with the second contingent of WAAC's assigned to this post, she took up her duties in the personnel department at the headquarters of the 2nd Student Training Regiment.

She likes her work and life as a WAAC but will be mighty glad when "this horrid war is over."

"It didn't seem so bad when Harold was over here," she said. "When he came home on his last

furlough, he had a bunch he would be shipped across. And then a month before he went, I went down to Fort Bragg. We were married in Fayetteville. Then after he left, it seemed a pretty natural thing for me to want to get into service too."

"I enlisted in New York and was sent to Fort Oglethorpe. Now I'm here."

She admitted she didn't like to talk about her husband's death, "but when the Purple Heart came up, well—I guess I owe it to him. I'm proud of him, darned proud."

"There was a big story in the paper at home about him," she related. "Everybody I know has heard of him."

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PASSES RESOLUTION

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MADE A HERO AFC Eklof attended the Eastern Secretarial school in New York. After her graduation, she worked as a stenographer and secretary but gave up her job to enlist.

And after the war?

"Golly, I don't know what I want to do—work I guess."

Meanwhile, she is experiencing the trials and tribulations of an Army wife. She actually rides the bus out to the post whenever she comes and "doesn't mind it a bit."

When she first arrived, she spent a couple of days in the guest house, adjoining Service Club No. 3 in the Harmony Church area and felt quite at home.

Jane had her first peek at the main post last night when she journeyed out to appear in a G. I.

sketch on the "Fort Benning on the Air" radio show at 6 p. m.

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Gen. McNair

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were no special demonstration; the General simply followed a program of inspecting demonstrations that were given to him when he was during the time he was here. He was conducted on his tour by Maj. General Leaven C. Allen, Commandant of the Infantry School, and Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, Assistant Commandant, and their staff.

General McNair was

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the past week-end when Bob came in to be with his lovely wife. During the week, she spends her time helping with the dishes, doing her own laundry, pecking away at the upright piano in the front room and just being a normal Army wife.

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benefit by the lessons from comrade leaders overseas."

Accompanying General Fredendall were Col. Frank J. Pearson, G-2 and acting G-3 of the 2nd army; Col. Harry V. Rising, ordnance officer, 2nd army; Col. J. Hunt, anti-tank officer, 2nd army; Col. John H. Carruthers, engineer, 2nd army; Col. J. M. Young, quartermaster, 2nd army; Col. Frank H. Dixon, surgeon, 2nd army; and Capt. Francis A. Norman, whose wife resides at 1504 Crest drive, Columbus, aide-de-camp to General Fredendall.

The general's plane was piloted by Maj. Harold J. Routledge, co-pilot, and Master Sgt. William A. Spence, aerial engineer.

Pin-Up

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what would you pin those coveted gold bars on his shoulders?

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Musical Comedians Slated For Five-Day Engagement

'Take It Easy' Features Clown Prince of Swing; Opening Date June 29

"Take It Easy," USO-Camp Shows, Inc., recipe for summer time entertainment starring Millie Britton and his tear-down musicians, will play a five-day engagement at Fort Benning starting Tuesday, June 29.

The show will open at the Main Theatre and will move to theaters in the other areas, according to Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, special service officer at the headquarters.

"Take It Easy" will open on the famous outdoor stage at Doughboy Stadium and remain there for three-night stand. Tuesday and Wednesday performances will be for white troops, while the other day night shows will be exclusively for colored troops. On Friday, the show will perform at Harmony Bowl in the 2nd STR area, and on Saturday, the cast will wind up their Benning appearance with a performance in the 3rd STR auditorium.

The band, known as "America's craziest orchestra," holds records for

long runs in South America and England. They have been starred in feature motion pictures and musical short subjects.

Furthering the comic relief on the program are Hop Hazard, the carefree comedian, and Mary Hart who balance and juggle to the accompaniment of hilarious patter.

"Take It Easy" also features Jane Fraser and the Roberts Sisters, three attractive young tap dancers, who do their routines on drums, thus furnishing their own percussion accompaniment. The act was discovered at Brooklyn and was so popular it started them on their road to big-time success and glory.

Ruth Petty, ballad and blues singer, rounds out the show's complement.

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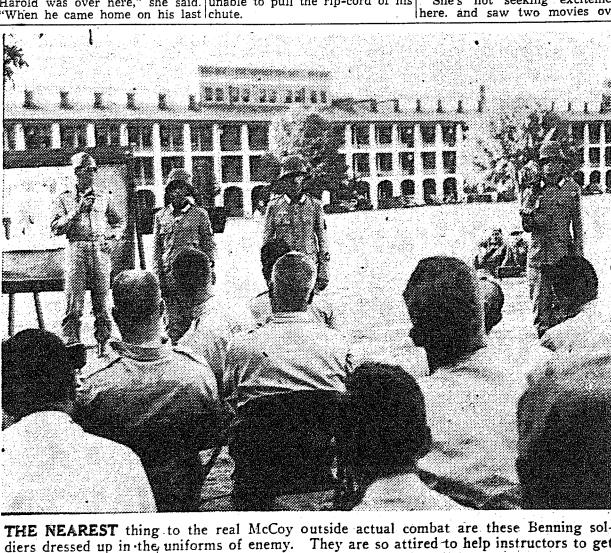
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The natural evolution of a free society is a constant process of trial and error—a constant competition between men of ability and a constant contest between ideas welling up from within our communities.—Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York

Patriotism Can't Be Bought; It's Personal

The following article, written by a Mrs. White of the Fiscal Branch, Headquarters, Fourth Service Command, is reproduced here because it shows such a keen understanding of our wartime responsibilities and serves to jar all of us into a realization of what every American's part must be if we hope to win this war.

"If those we love—brothers, sweethearts, husbands, kinsmen, friends—can fight, and die (many of them), in the muck, grime, slime, and bloody hell of war and battle, it seems that sacrifices here at home are little to ask. What are you doing? Sacrificing? Ask yourself? Only you, God, your conscience can make answer. We'll win this war only if we deserve to win, for God helps those who help themselves." And He ends a guiding hand only to those who honestly strive to do their best. I believe that is the meaning of "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." Kipling said, "It isn't the individual, or the Army as a whole, but the everlasting teamwork of every blooming soul!" Your team, my team. Make it the Victory team.

"Doctor Norman Bethune, who perfected the present method of sending blood plasma to the fighting soldiers, died in China because he operated with bare hands. Rubber gloves were not available. A tragedy of improper equipment. CHINA! Have you heard of the Chinese women who are used for Japanese target practice? Another clever little Nipponese trick. Your money and morale will battle against this evil force.

"Think of our brave American and Philippine soldiers when you are asked to make small sacrifices here at home. Think of men isolated in desolate Aleutian Islands, barren of all vegetation except a lone tree here and there. An aviator with a sense of humor brought a tree from Alaska, fenced it in, marked it "National Forest." The boys stand before it and just look and think—of home. Kneel and pray for what we have. Is good old forceful American slang "getting going" in your part—not in words, but in deeds? IT'S RESULTS THAT COUNT!

"You can't buy patriotism; like integrity, it's a personal thing—within. Only your heart can say, 'I am true.' Send your money to meet our boys! They can't fight with words, high-sounding patriotic slogans, air; it takes planes, bombs, shells, guns, & thousand other necessities, together with the thought that we, here at home, safe and sound, warm and well-fed even with rationing, are steadfastly and soundly behind the fight. The man without gun, a shell, the right kind of plant, the man who died because we didn't do our part here at home, may be the man you love. It's unpleasant for war to interfere with our pocket-books. It's unpleasant to die, too. The more we contribute the sooner this war will end, and the less danger there will be of your soldier dying for you. Let him live for you. And it can happen here. The vague things that could never happen to us do. America is not impregnable by divine right. She remains invincible only if we make her so."

"Our Government has to finance this war—there is only one way—by the people. We are the people. The voluntary way is the American way. Don't clutch your pocket-book tighter and hold it dearer than flesh, and don't shut out the broad vision by holding a dollar too close to your eyes. 'God gave us two ends—one to think with, the other to sit on, and it depends on which end we use whether or not we win this war.' Patriotism consists of idealism and good common horse-sense (realism). We must protect ourselves here at home and increase our capacity for helping those 'over there.'

"We have always prayed for ourselves, for those we love, for our friends. Now we are praying for the world. Maybe that is what this war is all about. Maybe we won't win until we learn to give more and take less. The war to win wars has never been won, because the war to end selfishness has never begun."

"John Steinbeck said in 'The Moon Is Down,' 'Free men do not start wars, but once they are started they can fight on, even in defeat. Herd men, the followers of a leader, can't do this. And so, it is the herd men who win battles and the free men who win wars.' We are free, and God grant that we deserve to stay that way."

"Did you ever see our flag rippling in the breeze and, as you gazed at those glorious colors, have that feeling come into your throat, as if you were in Church, Cathedral, or Synagogue? Of course you have, because you realize all that it means, all that it enforces—your heart and mine. All that we stand for, and are; all that we love, and hold dear and precious, are wrapped in its folds. Let's keep what we have, you and I. Don't leave it up to George. George is wear of doing it all, and besides, it takes all the Georges in our land."

"Ten per cent is the goal. If that is impossible, do the best you can. No man can ask more of you. I believe, however, that you CAN if you WILL to do so. If all of us waited until we could, we probably never would. Circumstances never reach perfection. Everybody knows someone who is fighting 'over there.' Buy bonds for him. Lend Uncle Sam your dollars. It's easier to talk about than to do, and words which won't work are worthless. Buy bonds and don't just talk. Sooner or later Hitler and his gang will be tried in the Courts of the Almighty, and found wanting. In the meantime? Each must do his share. Don't clip the Eagle's wings. Let your money fly a plane to our boys. If they must sweep clean Berlin and Tokio, let's do all we can to see that they get back. This is an appeal in the name of the armed forces, on land and sea; in the name of those who lie on unknown battlefields, and those who must go down to the sea in ships. If you break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep; though poppies blow in Flanders' fields."

Recommended Methods Of Reducing Heat Fatigue

With the advent of the 1943 "hot weather" season which now prevails in the Fort Benning area, officials at post headquarters are reminding the commanding officers of the several units of recommended steps to prevent heat fatigue.

All commanding officers of Fourth Service Command units are being enjoined to do their utmost in the prevention of heat exhaustion by arranging training and work schedules so that members of their command will not be exposed unnecessarily to the direct rays of the sun during the hours of the most intense heat.

In addition to these recommendations made in a post memorandum, the attention of those concerned is invited to various War Department circulars and field manuals which treat of methods of preventing heat fatigue.

For the benefit of military personnel the BAYONET reviews below the salient points discussed in these circulars and manuals.

Heat exhaustion is the product of the loss of valuable body salts and vitamins through excessive perspiration in the performance of manual labor in high temperatures.

Take a day's march for example with its attendant perspiring. Troops begin the march with approximately one pint of water in their stomachs. At the end of the second hour's march the troops will have consumed one-half canteen of water, and at the end of the third hour the remainder of the canteen, or one pint in all. The fourth and fifth hours of the day are spent in camp, and at the end of the fifth hour the troops again depart from camp with one pint of water in their stomachs and one pint in their canteens. One-half of this water is consumed by the end of the seventh hour and the other half at the end of the eighth hour. At the end of the ninth hour the troops are back in camp for a refill. Thus in the course of the day's work, approximately two quarts of water are consumed if water discipline is followed through.

Meanwhile, there has been of course excessive perspiring and the loss of the body salts and vitamins. To replace these salts, War Department circulars recommend that water consumed contain 0.1% of table salt. The proportion would be one pound of salt to every 100 gallons of water, or 0.3 pound to a 36-gallon Lister bag, or one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt to a quart of water. If salt tablets are used, there should be used two 10-grain tablets to a quart of water, or one 10-grain tablet consumed to every alternate glass of water drunk.

The post memorandum also points out that it is a common experience that the ingestion of citrus juices is of value in the removal of fatigue caused by the undesirable loss of water soluble vitamins B-1 and C. It is recommended that free use be made of citrus fruit drinks, and that such drinks be prepared from fresh fruits rather than from the various proprietary substances now on the market.

With the post memorandum was intended primarily for military personnel, the BAYONET suggests that civilians employed on the reservation ease the rigors of hot weather by availing themselves of this valuable information.

European Refugees Will Be Helpful To Uncle Sam

How profitable it was for us to give a home to those who found it possible to flee from Europe is shown again by a member of one of the enlisted radio operator's courses of the 4th Battalion, 1st Student Training Regiment.

Corporal Demetris Samaritos was a radio operator in the Greek army about 15 years ago, when he had to serve 2 years according to the conscription law, which at that time had already been enforced in most all of Europe. With his old experience refreshed by the intensive Infantry School training, and in addition to his knowledge of the Greek language and terrain, he will be of good value in the coming invasion of the European continent.

"All I want," he says, "is to get a crack at Adolf and Musso, who combined had a tough time conquering my little country."

Corporal Samaritos is a man of wide travel.

In the beginning of 1940, he was inducted into a section of the Greek Army which was similar to the duties of our own Merchant Marine.

There he started to sail to the sea, leaving behind his family. Sending out his "dots and dashes" at various trips to England, to South Africa, to New Orleans, hauling war material to his country, he eventually landed in New York at the time when the Fascists tried in vain to overrun heroic Greece. It was then he was granted permission to stay in the United States of America.

A few days ago he received his Naturalization papers.

"It was one of the happiest days of my life," the Corporal admits.

Anonymous,
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"I've been selfish all my life and never noticed it," said a school girl. Familiarity, it seems, breeds blindness if it doesn't breed contempt.

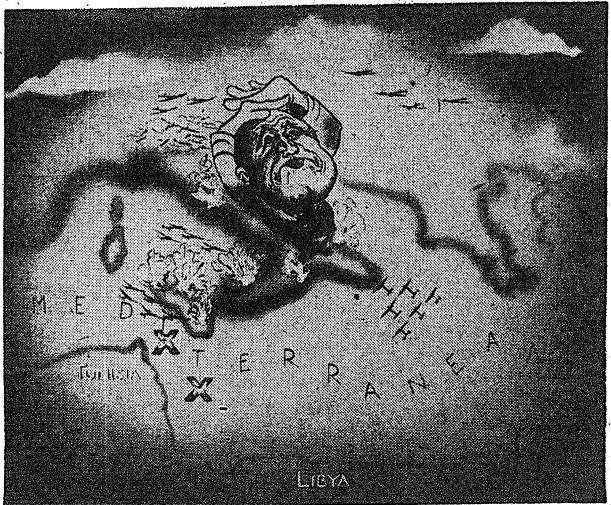
As the home goes, so goes the nation.

A hot temper often calls from a cold heart,

Idealists try to play tomorrow's world on paper. Realists know they'll have to build it out of people.

Men still living on the moral capital of yesterday can scarcely understand the moral bankruptcy of today nor the moral battle for tomorrow.

(Night) Mare Nostrum



Reward

ENOUGH IS OFTEN FOUND IN A FEW KIND WORDS

By CAPT. F. M. SCHILLING
Tim Sheas was pretty young to be a company commander, but what he lacked in age was made up by spirit to have "the best-damn-outfit, ever." Tim tried. That in itself might be the greatest point in his favor. Tim loved; pouring out his affection for life and living into the company. Tim loved Em, too, but not in the strong, masculine way that he loved the company. A love similar to a sailor's for his ship, or greater still, a love for home.

Sometimes things sail along smoothly for months. Everything worldly must roll around in cycles, a little good, a little bad. Fortune is like that. Streaks of good luck may continue for months without a bad break . . . and then it happens. Hell breaks loose in torrents, "the rains came," so to speak. And they continue. Day after day, week after week. Luck doesn't change for ages when it gets you down; especially if it gets you in a strange hold-up, the way it had Tim. Nothing seems to break the jinx.

Zellisa, the supply sergeant, broke his leg on the obstacle course the first week of the bad luck run, only a day after Hood, his assistant had left on a ten-day furlough. Which was followed a few days later by a fire drill which nobody in the company heard, and a stack of "rely by endorsement here on" correspondence which started when the company clerk had erroneously placed important letters in an envelope addressed by some wit to the "Commanding General, 10th Underground Balloon Corp., HQ, Washington, D. C." Not to mention the surprise inspection which caught Company "G" unprepared, the hallway clock which stopped five minutes before "1st Call" for the battalion parade (on the same day the bugler, from "G" Company, by the way, forgot to repeat the call in that direction.)

Older company commanders might have taken all this in stride. Tim tried like the dickens to make it all in stride, too. It was a valiant attempt. The men mustn't know. "Never show your weakness, Tim," the Old Timer had told him long ago. So he spoke in firm tones and gave the commands louder at the formations. Age has assurance but youth has the spirit. Capt. Tim Shea was young. Assurance comes with experience and age. Capt. Tim Shea would grow older.

Actually, Company "G" was no worse off than the majority of other companies. Perhaps Tim

It was stay-d late at the company that evening. Somehow he hated to face Em. Then he did something strange. He noticed the shrubs in front of the company orderly room building needed water. With his pass key he entered the supply room and picked up a bucket. None of the men were around. Probably they had gone into town. Tim filled the bucket with water and started to wet the much around each bush. As he bent over the second bush he heard someone behind him: "Let me do it, Sir," he heard a voice say. Looking up he noticed three of the men from his company. The soldier who had spoken took the pail out of Tim's hands and started watering the third bush. "Alright . . . thanks," was all the young company commander could find in his throat to say.

As he started away he could hear the men talking. "The Old Man's O.K. He's looked sort of tired and worried lately, though," one voice said. "He's a good old scoundrel," the other voice echoed.

Captain Tim Shea got into his car and turned on the ignition. He started for home. He knew he could take anything in his stride. "Old Man" Shea had grown older. "I wonder whether Em kept the supper warm?" he muttered before he started whistling.

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

THE COLONEL'S FAN GETS TANGLED UP IN PLenty OF RED TAPE

By S. SGT. TOM McDONALD
Some of the days at Fort Benning are rather hot. (Ed's note: The best example of under-state-ment these aging eyes have beheld in a long, long time.) Now this in itself is nothing to shout about or even to raise one's voice over, but to dash it all. Colonel Swampwater's electric fan broke and when that happens, the ol' boy usually goes on a rampage.

"Sergeant," he bellows, "I am burning up! It feels miserably up here without my fan; even my imported chewing gum doesn't taste good. Judas Priest, do something!" "Yes, Sir!" I replied, scrambling to my typewriter and immediately slipping some triplicate forms into place. Requisitions to the Signal Corps, Corps of Engineers, and to the Ordnance Department.

Finally after two hours of work, I finished filling them out and got them started on their tour of the message centers. As I licked the envelope on the last set, I could feel Colonel Swampwater's hot breath on the back of my neck. "Sergeant!" gasps he, "How long before my electric fan will be fixed?"

"Normally, Sir, it would take three months for the requisitions to get through, but I put 'extra-urgent' in the upper right-hand corner so we should have an answer by this afternoon."

True to my prediction, three neat letters arrived from the Signal Corps, the Corps of Engineers, and the Ordnance Department. With great deliberation I picked them up and brought them into my leader's lair and stood at attention. "Are those the letters about my fan, Sergeant?"

"Yes, Sir," I replied. "Well, read them to me Sergeant."

"Yes, Sir," I answered, fumbling with the one from the Corps of Engineers which read as follows:

"Dear Colonel Swampwater: Your request to have your fan fixed is indeed touching. We civilians here in the office feel for you from the bottom of our hearts. Hot weather can be extremely annoying at times."

"As chief assistant fan fixer, I have brought your requisition to the attention of our Mr. Hobnob, our chief fan belt administrator. A person wrapped up in him makes a pretty small package, they say. And two people wrapped up in each other don't make a much bigger one."

Key Says—

SHE APPRECIATES COLUMBUS MORE AFTER A WEEK-END JAUNT TO FLORIDA

I've been doing some grumbling, of a greatly augmented population, about the inconveniences that there were a lot of encounters in Columbus. It things which could be remedied easily if I were handling the situation. But that was before I spent a few days in a Florida town, for

Sportscasting

BY SGT. CARL NEU

IT WAS IRONICAL that when the 124th Gators gained their hard-earned 18-inning victory over the Student Training Brigade on Sunday, the verdict automatically handed the first-half title in the Infantry School league to the Academic Profs. The Profs and Gators have long been bitter rivals on the baseball diamond and basketball court, and they hate to concede a thing to the other party.

As one Gator partisan said in the press box at the start of the game, "This is one game that I don't care whether we win or not. I'd hate to see the Profs ride into the title on the wings of a 124th victory." But that's the way it happened, and since the Prof title-clenching was practically inevitable, it didn't matter much.

In the face of such a situation as the Gators faced when they opposed the Brigade, however, it was encouraging to see the way they fought tooth and nail for that victory. They just couldn't be licked and when Sammy Inoff, their brilliant shortstop, slid home on that clean steal of the plate in the 13th, it marked a glorious ending to one of the best ball games played here all year.

THERE'LL BE some mighty classy colored baseball at Gowdy Field this coming week-end with four great games carded for a space of a little more than 24 hours. Tuskegee Army Flying School's crack nine meets the Panthers on Saturday and the famed Atlanta Black Crackers come here Sunday evening for the second game of their series with the Red Sox. In between there will be a Service League twin bill on Sunday afternoon, which means that some of the outstanding former professional ball-players from the nation's best-colored leagues will be on view for soldier fans over the week-end.

BEN STANTON, Red Cross Water Saving Instructor who is here from Washington giving a course at Russ Pool, has given many such periods of instruction to soldiers all over the country. Some of his pupils are now in Guadalcanal, Australia, North Africa and England spreading the gospel of water safety to thousands upon thousands of American soldiers. Results of the Red Cross campaign are bound to save hundreds of lives, since the submarine menace continues and ship sinkings are inevitable.

Official Army statistics have shown that less than 10 per cent of the millions of men in uniform are capable of taking care of themselves in the event of any kind of water emergency—and less than 40 per cent are qualified swimmers. A mighty husky looking group of Benning G. I.'s reported Monday for the course, and we'll wager that when Stanton gets finished with his rugged instructional course, these lads will be excellently qualified to continue the instruction amongst the men of their own units.

GATOR GOLFERS of the 124th Infantry, through Press Agent Ed Fog, have issued a blanket challenge to any other unit at the post, for a golf match to determine a post regimental champion. The Gator team is composed of four officers and four men and would like to meet a similar group of eight from some other unit.

This corner would be glad to hear from any challengers, and we'll pass the threat along to the Gator linksmen. One of the officers on the 124th squad, incidentally, is Jim Todd, erstwhile Georgia footballer, who starred in the Rose Bowl game.

WHEN DRAGON basballers of the 3rd Armored Regiment won the third and final game of their Tiger Division playoff series last week, they earned the sixth division championship garnered by unit in eleven months, which is a record really worth boasting about in any man's Army—and particularly in the 10th Armored Division, where good athletes and powerful teams abounded.

All started last September when the Dragons won their first baseball crown with a garrison finish after a slow start. Then they turned to football and under the able tutelage of Captain (now Major) Leo Gregory, they won the Tiger grid championship and finished second in the strong Fort Benning Conference.

The next conquest, during early April, was on the volleyball court, when a six-man team representing regimental headquarters won the 3rd Armored championship, and went on to take the divisional title in straight games. In the divisional track meet this spring, the Dragons were once again supreme, scoring 45 points to more than double their nearest rivals. Lt. McPeake, one of the volleyball stars, helped the unit to another title when he took the Tiger handball crown about the same time.

Although the Dragons did not succeed in winning the division boxing crown, they did manage to share the post championship when a well-rounded eight-man team met the defending 29th Infantry in a challenge match and gained a draw in an exciting match. Finally in a challenge match and again the Dragons reign supreme.

One of the reasons for the success of the 3rd Armored teams has been the wholehearted backing of the teams by Col. Thomas M. Brinkley, regimental commander, and Lt. Col. Wm. T. S. Roberts, regimental executive. Both have been number one rooters on the sidelines during practice every contest. If the Dragon carries this winning spirit onto the field of battle, it has shown on the field of sport, he's going to be a mighty tough critter for Hitler and Co. to handle.

SHORT SHOTS—There's even a grandpa playing baseball at the first year. He's Charlie Harris, utility man for the championship Profs, who at the ripe old age of 36 is a sonofabeach. Tallest diamond ace is undoubtedly Tom (Slim) Hall, the giant six-foot-six inch first baseman and pitcher on the Post Detachment nine. He's not only tall, but appears to be the tallest hitting pitcher in the post. His line drives are like a thousand needles. Sparky Suchar, the new nine, Kissell, Morris and Hogan had two hits apiece for the losers.

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Profs, Dragons Capture Diamond Titles

Academic Nine Clinches Flag As Gators Win

Idle Profs Triumph When 124th Halts Brigade Threat

BY SGT. MILTON LUBAN
Through all the furor of a hectic Sunday triple-header which saw all the favorites toppled, the idle Academic Regiment Profs emerged with undisputed possession of the Infantry School league first-half championship.

Although the Profs still have to play the 176th Spirits on Monday and the 300th Triplets next Friday, the game will have bearing only on the right for second place as no man can say that the Profs do, with their 124th.

2ND PLACE FIGHT

Ownership of second place, however, is a complete scramble. Four teams are mixed up in the fight with only one game separating the current second place. Sunday's 124th, Spirits and the 300th placed in the fifth place 124th. In between are the 300th and the 176th.

Two days last week settled the championship. On Friday night at Gowdy Field, the Profs topped the 244th Field Artillery, 11-3. The victory assured the Profs of at least a tie for the first-half crown regardless of what happened in the remaining games.

Meanwhile, at Harmony Church, the 300th took a 6-4 clout on the day from the STR Rifles, thus clinching the Triplets from all title hopes.

GATORS DECIDE

Then on Sunday the scrappy 124th Gators took a 13-inning 3-2 thriller over the Brigade and out went the Brigadier hopes.

On the same bill, the 176th Spirits, who had been involved in the second-place fight by slapping the 300th, 8 to 5, and then, the following day, bolstered their chances by whipping the 244th F. A., 7 to 3. The third game of Sunday's triple-header, the 300th vs. the 176th, was still to come.

TOTAL VS. TANKS

Tomorrow night the 300th and the 76th Tanks clash at Gowdy Field, while the 124th will close its first-half season at Harmony Church playing the 176th.

The 124th, while the Brigade and the 76th Tanks meet at Harmony Church in the first game of a double-header which includes a game between the STR Rifles and the 244th. On Monday the Profs face the 176th, Spirits and Gowdy Field, while the 300th and the 124th Tanks clash again at Harmony Church in a postponed game.

TEAM STANDINGS

Academic Regiment	12 1	922
Student Training	8 4	666
300th Infantry	8 5	615
176th Infantry	7 5	583
124th Infantry	8 6	571
76th Tanks	4 8	333
STR Rifles	4 9	307
244th Field Artillery	3 9	250

Parachute School Bows To Columbus

The Parachute School took its second drubbing of the season from the strong Columbus Foxes last Friday evening at Golden Park in Columbus when the city had grabbed a 14-7 decision in a wild game.

Bucket Vaughn and Mike Hogan split the hurling chores for the chutists and gave up 12 hits.

Vaughn was toucher for five in three frames, while the remainder of the team was silent. Poor support hurt the pitchers, however, with eight errors being scored against the Benning nine.

TO SAVE LIVES

The water show is expected to attract the most unusual interest, since it

will demonstrate convincingly

many of the newest innovations

in the art of saving the lives of

men in ships, aircrafts and

other marine disasters.

Stanton and Marks put a husky

class of more than 75 already

qualified swimmers through

the first half of the

week, and will continue for

the first post title series between the Profs and the Parachute

School which will probably start on the Fourth of July with plenty of fireworks.

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Red Sox Take Over Lead In Service Loop

1st STR Captures Two More Games To Top League

Winning their fourth straight loop test from the Reception Center by a 3-0 count on Monday night, the powerful 1st STR Red Sox swept into undisputed possession of first place in the Service lead as the teams neared the halfway mark in the first half of the pennant chase.

A cluster of three runs in the top half of the final frame, after the teams had battled scoreless throughout an exciting game, gave the Red Sox their victory. They loaded the bases on an error, a hit and a walk, and then a long hit to left field cleared the sacks.

Last Friday, the Sox walloped the 2nd STR Commandos 14-4 in another game played at the R. C. Field for their third win in the league. Tomorrow, however, they meet a stern test in a game on the R. C. diamond when they tangle with the Post Detachment Tigers who now share a deadlock for second place.

The Tigers helped the Red Sox take the top slot late last week by slammimg a 11-3 win over the 3rd STR Panthers, former loop leaders, in a game played at Gowdy Field. Simpleton on the mound for the winning pitcher, the Red Sox had some great running support from Catcher Sam Hale and First Baseman Tom Hall.

That defeat started the Panthers into a slide which continued Monday when they bowed to the Provisional Truck Blues by 11-5 at Brigade Field in the Harmon Church. Lack of pitching hurt the Panthers with both Fowle and Brummitt, their ace hurlers, on the sidelines due to hand injuries.

In other games during the past week, Reception Center trounced the Academic Pacemakers 16-6, the Red Sox defeated PTRP Red 14-4, and the PTR Blue 15-5. The Commandos, the Panthers, the Blues are now tied for second place with the Tigers while the Panthers share a fourth place deadlock with the Reception.

An interesting game is carded for tonight at Gowdy Field when the Panthers and Commandos, arch rivals from the H. C. area clash at 7 o'clock. Also tonight, the PTR Reds invade the Reception Center for a 6:30 encounter. Besides tomorrow night's Red Sox game, the PTR Blues entertain the Pacesetters at Brigade Field.

Sunday, the Service League will take over Gowdy Field for a twin bill beginning at 1:30. Reception Center meets the powerful Blues in the opener, while the Red Sox will tangle with the Panthers in the nightcap.

Next Tuesday, Post Detachment and the Commandos clash at Brigade Field while the Red and the Pacesetters will stage a cellar battle at the R. C. diamond. If the league-leading Red Sox succeed in clinching their game with the Tigers and Panthers, they will have just about clinched the first-half flag since their only remaining game will be with the Academic Regiment current occupants of the cellar spot in the loop.

STANDINGS (As of Monday)

	W	L	Pct.
1st STR Red Sox	4	0	1.000
Prov. Trk. Blues	2	1	.666
Post Detachment	2	2	.500
3rd STR Panthers	2	2	.500
2nd STR Commandos	1	2	.333
Red Sox	0	2	.000
Acad. Regiment	0	3	.000

A diet of rabbits produces in man a condition known as "rabbit starvation" which can be fatal.

Unlike most rivers, those of Siberia flow northwards.

An "Economy Idea" contest conducted by the Army Service Forces in Britain was won by Private Harley E. Macdonald of 1661 Westerly Terrace, Los Angeles, whose essay was rewarded with a \$100 War Bond.

Varchminn's Sensational Hurling Carries Chutist Team to Top in Softball

Three Tens Deadlocked For Second Position In League Standing

Sensational pitching by Earl Varchminn, Benning's top softball hurler, has carried the 1st Academic Co. of the Parachute School to the top of the softball league after a late start.

The chutists have now won four in a row without a setback and are at the top of the heap in this week's standings which were released by the F. B. A. before Tuesday night's games had been played.

THREE-WAY TIE

A real dogfight is going on for second place in the fattening with the Parachute, the Profs and 2nd STR Leaders all deadlocked with six wins and three losses.

The once-proud Lawson Field Fliers have nose-dived into fifth place, one game behind the second-place team.

The Parachutes, of course, still have ten games to play and will have a neasy schedule the rest of the way since they must make up several games. The Parachute School entry replaced the now-defunct Student Training Brigade Field in three weeks since the loop started. All of Brigade's games were cancelled off the record and must be replayed by the chutists.

CHUTISTS FAVERED

However, the way Varchminn is bowling over the opposition, 1st Academic Co. now rates as the title favorite for the first half of the softball school. In his first four starts, he has set down all of the second place teams with great finesse.

Two of the wins were no-hitters. Against the Gators, he turned in a perfect game, facing only 21 batters, to win by a shutout. He also set the Profs without a hit, but they did manage to tally a run and the chutists won by 8-1.

The 2nd STR Leaders fared a little better against Varchminn's violent slants, garnering three hits and dropping the decision to the loop newcomers by a 2-1 count. Gator Field is in a tilt where Varchminn gave up only one hit.

ONLY FOUR HITS

Therefore, in four full games, the sensational moundsman has permitted only four hits which is record pitching in any man's league. Tonight Varchminn will hurl against Lawson Field in a game at the chutists' home mound.

Other battles tonight will pit the Gators against 3rd STR, the 176th against Station Hospital, and 2nd STR opposite the Profs, with the last name being the team. On Tuesday, the Spirits' 2nd STR treks in to Lawson Field. Varchminn and Co. visit Station Hospital, and 3rd STR plays at the Academic Regiment.

STANDINGS (As of Monday)

	W	L	Pct.
1st Acad. Co., TPS..	4	0	1.000
124th Infantry	6	3	.666
Academic Regt.	6	3	.666
2nd Stud. Trng.	6	3	.666
Lawson Field	5	4	.555
Station Hosp.	5	5	.333
3rd Stud. Trng.	2	2	.250
176th Infantry	2	6	.200

A diet of rabbits produces in man a condition known as "rabbit starvation" which can be fatal.

Two mainstays on the crack 124th Infantry softball ten which is in the thick of the pennant fight in the post loop are Julian Groover, crack pitcher, shown at the top, and Sam McCullough, hard-hitting third baseman. The Gators have won six and lost two and now rest in second place in the loop. (Photos by Cumbie.)

When Webster defined "comfort" as "that which gives or brings comfort" he did a neat job of describing Winthrop Shoes. And when it comes to style and fine craftsmanship, you'll find Winthrop a winner every time.

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The 124th Infantry Officers team last Monday defeated the 1st Student Training Regiment, 3-1, to gain a winning put-up position in first place in the post Officers Softball League and run their win streak to fifteen straight. During the game, the Gators lent perfect support to Knute Crosson, the 12th pitcher, by executing four double plays.

Dick Koehler doubled up in the first and third, Andy Jackson and shortstop Bragin both with runs. Koehler later scored the final Gator run on Leonardo's single. The double plays came in the first four innings, and a fifth was missed by a step.

BOX HITS

1st Stud. Tns. Regt.

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Turner, c..... 3 0 0

Rulison, c..... 3 0 0

Logan, 1b..... 2 0 0

White, 2f..... 1 1 1

Burdell, ss..... 2 0 0

O'Connor, 3t..... 2 0 0

Cook, rf..... 1 0 0

Applegate, cf..... 2 0 0

McDermid, 2b..... 2 0 1

21 1 3

Runs batted in, Koteler, 2, Leonardo, 1, two base hits Koehler and Potts, base on balls all by Crosson, 5, Rulison, 1, Struck out by Crosson, 9, double plays, Leonardo to Jackson to Sharp, 1, Koehler to Jackson to Sharp, 3.

Hammering Henry Armstrong once held the featherweight, light-weight and welterweight crowns all at once.

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SHOWN WORKING in the Craft Room of the Red Cross Building, under the direction of Miss Winston Lamar is Cpl. Elwood M. Zerby, 18th Co., 3rd Student Training Regiment; Pvt. Normand Charette, 1st Parachute Training Regiment, and Sgt. James E. Smith, 764th Tank Battalion. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Station Hospital Unit Plays Unique Role for Convalescent Doughboys

Is No Infirmary Of Bathrobes And Pajamas, Visiting Scribe Learns

"Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait."
—Longfellow.

This closing verse from "Psalm of Life," might well be the motto for Station Hospital Unit No. 2 for convalescent patients at Fort Benning—the only such unit in the Fourth Service Command.

This is no hospital of bathrobes and pajamas. These soldiers in this unit are up and dressed and seriously about this business of effecting a complete recovery in order to return to their home units for active duty.

Consequently, a program designed to restore both physical and mental healings has been effected by various officers in this unit headed by Captain William L. Starnes, commanding officer. A program of work and play; good food; the finest medical care the Army can provide with the newest in equipment; comfortable living conditions; absolute freedom for enterprise; constructive ideas; and always the co-operation, understanding and wise counseling of their superior officers has made possible recovery of more than 500 patients since the unit's opening in March of this year.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

Working on the theory that "something for nothing" is always a temptation to man, 2nd Lieutenant Clifford K. Okuno, sanitary and laboratory officer at this unit has worked out plans of construction with soldiers convalescing in this area that give the mind employment, the body exercise and valuable sun as rich in dividends as seeing growing things come to

life under one's own hands. Plenty of fresh garden vegetables to build strong bodies for the physical man, and the satisfaction that comes from a job well done for the mental is the key note of this project.

Not the least of the activities under the plans and training officer is the showing of the latest news and orientation films each day, provided through the cooperation of 4th Corps Headquarters; plans and training officer. Films showing every organization on the post are shown at some time or other to these men who are representatives from every outfit in this convalescent group. Once each week, round-table discussions are held with the patients and men participating when world problems are debated and settled, at least to their own satisfaction.

ARMS INSTRUCTION

There are line officers to instruct in arms. An infantry and field artillery officer, along with these men, practice in the rudiments of their separate branches.

One is ever upmost in the minds of the officers responsible for the convalescence of these men: prepare them to take their place with their own organization, strong body, active mind, with a clear idea of their responsibility to their organization, and to better equip them for the arduous task confronting them.

"Making little ones out of big ones" so the saying goes, and have made this model one-day area as preparation for the day when they will be doing "field duty" in the tropics, the frozen north, some country or some place. Then they will be able to bring into full play this valuable knowledge for their own and their soldier-buddies' protection.

GOOD EARTH POLICY

Plans and training officer for the reconditioning program is Captain John Bell. He successfully demonstrates the good earth policy with the soldiers in the vicinity of the garden projects, and they have made this model one-day area as preparation for the day when they will be doing "field duty" in the tropics, the frozen north, some country or some place. Then they will be able to bring into full play this valuable knowledge for their own and their soldier-buddies' protection.

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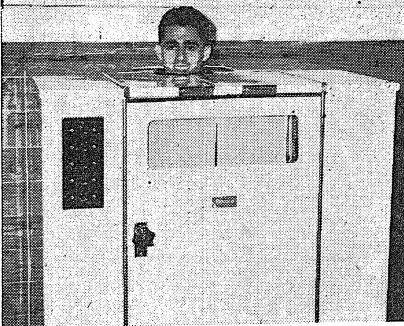
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LIGHTING THE FIRE in the outdoor fireplace built of salvaged material are Pfc. Henry A. Jejczewski of the 1st Parachute Regiment; T-5 Lee Caldwell, Hq. 10th Armored Division; Cpl. Richard Frailey, 23rd Co. Officer Candidate School; and Sgt. Frank Petrone, 55th Armored Engineers, 10th Armored Division, all of whom built the fireplace. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)



A NEW GAME of marbles is shown above. To loosen stiffened muscles in feet and legs, these convalescent soldiers (left to right) Officer Candidate Marlin Brown, of 212 South 7th St., Lebanon, Pa.; and Cpl. Elamuel Elway, of the 513 Parachute Regiment whose home is in Seattle, Wash., pick up marbles with the toes of one foot and place them on the floor across the other foot. (U. S. Signal Corps photo.)



PVT. HARRY KAZEN, 421 Christopher Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., is shown taking a treatment in the electric baking cabinet in the physiotherapy ward for stiffened bones and muscles as well as to relax the nerves. Heat in this cabinet is kept at 110 degrees and the convalescent patient is fed salt water to keep the balance of chloride in his system. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo)

heat, is flooded into the tub. A motor is set in motion that starts with a termite that supplies the power, exercising stretching muscles as well as to relax the nerves. Heat in this cabinet is kept at 110 degrees and the convalescent patient is fed salt water to keep the balance of chloride in his system.

MODERN EQUIPMENT

Naturally, this ward has all the latest, modern equipment such as a Diathermy machine used in treating pneumonia patients that have not fully recovered. This same machine is used in giving electric shock treatment. It removes molds, scars and any disfiguring marks from the face.

FINGER LADDER

The finger ladder is of interesting construction. Nailed perpendicularly to the wall is a narrow strip. On this strip are built little steps, each with a number to see how much progress is made each day. For an injured finger, a man runs his fingers up and down these little steps—first maybe just one or two, but up and down, up and down, until they can go as high as the arm can reach and before long that trigger finger is just as good as new again.

"The wheel of chance" copies from its predecessor on the static fair midway is just that—lacking numbers of course and the inevitable "keewop" don't play—but the stakes are much higher. Come out of shoulder and arm put out of use by breaks or sprains is the goal of this machine. A man grabs hold of a knob built onto this wheel and starts turning. Rotating and round it goes, and you know that with every turn of the wheel the injured member is getting more and more limber and the stiffness is being gradually worked out, restoring it to full use again. That is the prize from this wheel.

"A 'foot rocker' is still another device. It is more like a shoebox than anything else. A man places his foot on the last and rocks back and forth and the soreness in a broken or sprained ankle is soon worked out.

BAKING CABINETS

There is just a few of the things accomplished for soldiers with sick muscles. There is the electric baking cabinet with a controlled temperature of 110 degrees. While the patient is in this cabinet having all body parts in the water, he is given salt water continuously to drink to replace the chloride in his system lost by perspiration. Ultraviolet machines used are so powerful that five minutes is equal to one hour in the sun. The infra-ray lamp is used for "deep tissue skin" treatment.

For stiffened joints and limbs the whirlpool bath is the quickest method for aiding nature. The limb or joint is placed into a washing machine-like device.

Water, electrically controlled as to

that I will always remember, and my stay there was an experience that will always be the highlights of my Army life."

In talking with Colonel Starnes, one becomes imbued with his vision of what the Unit is going to grow into, and the part it is going to play in rehabilitating our boys for life in the service and for their place in civilian life when peace has been declared.

His one desire is that the Unit will be developed to its full strength of 1250 beds for use as a convalescent hospital for overseas wounded. One catches his enthusiasm in his plans for their recovery; his belief that Unit No. 2 is the natural place for the overseas wounded from this area, since it is the only such unit in this command and is so centrally located; his knowledge of the healing qualities of the Southern climate, and his pride in the splendid staff and equipment of this unit.

If proof is needed as to the accomplishments of this Unit and the possibility of what it might become, look to the boys who have gone out from it healed spiritually and physically.

Lt. Lee Goes To Aberdeen School

Lt. Dwight A. Lee of the 3534th Medical Automotive Maintenance Company has been named by his commanding officer, Lt. Franklin H. Martens, to attend an eight-week automotive course at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md.

Before entering the service Lt. Lee was employed as a Social Worker for the Missouri State Social Security Commission. He received his A. B. degree from the Springfield Teachers College of Missouri and has done post graduate work at Washington University of that state. He is a native of Lexington, Mo.

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The 176th Infantry at Fort Benning has many soldiers in its regiment that can boast of their family's contribution to the war effort. S. Sgt. Louis Rockecharlie of Company B has all five of his brothers in the armed services. He has two brothers in the Seabees, one in the Army, and two in the Army Ground Forces, ranging in age from 18-33.

Sgt. David Rickman of Company E has five brothers in the service. S. Sgt. Joe Rickman of the Cannon Platoon is one, while the others are brothers with the station hospital.

He attended Mississippi College, where he was a four-letter man, having gained awards in four major sports: baseball, basketball, football, and track. He later attended the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and since entering the service has completed a special course at the Chaplain's School at Harvard University.

Prior to his call to active duty with the 38th Division in January, 1941, Chaplain Ritchey was pastor of the First Baptist church of Lafayette, Indiana.

A graduate of the Chaplain's school at Harvard, he is also a graduate of Waverly College, Waverly, Iowa, and the Lutheran Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa.

Prior to his assignment here, he was with the 86th Division at Camp Howze, Tex. He was part of the command of the First Battalion, 10th Armored Infantry Regiment, 10th Armored Division, and battalion operations officer.

Commissioned in the Officers Reserve Corps from Colorado in 1935, Major Young was armored infantry until March, 1941. Before coming to Ft. Benning upon activation of the 10th Armored Division in June, 1942, he had been assigned to the 1st and 4th Armored Divisions. He had held regimental and division staff posts in the latter unit.

Truck Regiment Promotes Many

Colonel Frank J. Vida, Commanding Officer, Provisional Truck Regiment, announces the following promotions:

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Since last November, Fred Waring has devoted his 15-minute broadcast to "Victory Tunes", playing and singing songs selected by the service men and dedicating each program to one of the camps or posts.

To date, eight new service songs have been written and presented by Fred Waring and so far this year 110 different Camps have voted on what they wanted Waring to play and then tuned in to hear the result. The songs written include "Sky Anchors" for Naval Aviation; "Roll Tanks Roll" for the Armored Forces; "Look Out Below" for the Parachute Troops; "The Fighting Quartermaster Corps"; "The Men of the Merchant Marine"; "Man to Man" for the Infantry; "In Navy Blue" for the Waves and "Hail to the Corp" for Marine Aviation.

Harry James' tribute to the men in the armed forces is his nightly "Chesterfield Special". Since Harry James' records are hard to get, he plays a "Chesterfield Special" every night over the air, so that the boys can hear the sensational James arrangements, played through the mike exactly as you would hear them on your phonographs at camp.

Service men will be delighted to hear that Harry James has just been voted champion of about everything on the list. He recently emerged from a popularity survey conducted by "Radio Life," Pacific Coast fan magazine, with the following score: 1—Favorite recording artist; 2—Favorite sweet orchestra; 3—Favorite swing orchestra; 4—Helen Forrest, favorite girl singer; 5—Favorite song, "I've Heard That Song Before".

If you want free pictures of Fred Waring and his Victory Gang, or of Harry James and his Music Makers just drop a card to CHESTERFIELD Box 21 NEW YORK CITY



LT. GEN. LESLEY J. McNAIR, commanding general of the U. S. Army ground forces, spent a day and a half inspecting the infantry school at Fort Benning, and was pleasantly surprised and amazed at what he saw. He is pictured (dark helmet) listening to an explanation of a demonstration by Lt. Col. Harry D. McLoughlin, group chief in charge of the training of an individual soldier. The general insisted upon following closely on the heels of many of the demonstrations he witnessed. (U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.)

Noisy Trains, Singing Motors Bring Post Breath of Gotham

Awesome Quiet Of Sand Hill Area Almost Drove G. I. To Distraction

When I first fled from New England's stern and rock-bound coast to New York eighteen years ago helpful friends told me that I must live in Grammercy Park,—so nice and quiet. It'll remind you of Boston. Well—I'd had plenty of nice ness and quietude—21 years of it—and I was never such an ardent stooge for the Boston Chamber of Commerce that I needed to be reminded of my home town. However I knew nothing against Grammercy Park so I lugged my carpet bag, parrot, and hot water bottle down to East 21st street and parroted up quarters in one corner of Grammercy.

It really was rather pleasant enough in a sense. Grammercy, as you know, is a private park in the middle of Manhattan and only residents are permitted the privilege of treading its neatly gravelled paths and sitting on the benches underneath the ancient shade trees. Each house on the surrounding streets has a key which unlocks the iron gates and admits the residents to this lush and quiet privilege which formed a thorn in the side of the communist orators who believed from their soap boxes five blocks south in Union Square.

The only road in the ice cream world of elegant Third Avenue elevated halfway a block distant whose rumble at first disturbed my slumber and caused me to start from sleep occasionally to warn summer nights when the windows were open.

However, in a short time, such is human adaptability, I soon ceased to be conscious of this noise.

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I regretted my hasty action the first night I spent in my new quarters. I discovered that the cobble street was the most widely used thoroughfare in the Bronx, a wooden suspension bridge, and furthermore, two subways beneath me beat to converge. The uninterrupted rumbling of heavy duty trucks, trolley coaches, and the frequent roar of the underground trains combined to make an atmosphere about as peaceful and cozy as one of Wagner's more chaotic operas.

EARS ATTUNED It was pretty bad for a while but gradually my ears became attuned to the rumpus and my voice developed to a pitch where I could actually bellow down the traffic noise. It came to a point

when the quiet was bad enough but I think that terrified me most was that awful fresh air. Anyone who has witnessed the throe of a fish rudely yanked out of a placid pool and tossed up, through no choice of its own, into the air, knows what I mean. Whenever we had a 10-minute break I rush down to the motor pool and take deep invigorating breaths of carbon monoxide and gasoline fumes to dispel the stench of the pure pine-laden

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Col. Vida's Idea Bearing Fruit

Officer Fathered Thought Now Supplying Units With Trained Mechanics

An idea that started in the mind of Colonel Frank J. Vida soon after he assumed command of the Provisional Truck Regiment, in December, 1942, is beginning to pay dividends in the form of trained mechanics who are earning in a steady stream to various companies throughout the "deadline."

Recent figures released from the office of the Regimental Commander reveal the fact that at present there are an increasing number of graduates have been returned to the regiment to enable each battalion to have almost a dozen specially trained mechanics on hand and ready to handle practically any type of repairs occasioned by heavy dispatch requirements by the "deadline."

These mechanics are now available after 3 months of intensive study in motors as students of Enlisted Motor Mechanics Course. Classes No. 69, 70, 71, and 72, held in the Aviation Section of Infantry School. They represent the major portion of groups sent to these classes as early as January 15, 1943, when Colonel Vida sensed the future need for trained mechanics in operating some 1,310 motor vehicles from the "4-4" to the "Jeep" to the semi-trailer van trucks.

At that date, less than a month after activation of this regiment, the initial group of prospects was sent to join class No. 69, consisting of the army of motor mechanics. Hardly had these men started their studies in

of the kind of observations the boys who hang around the drug store at Madison and 57th will make and the pregnant silence about the cracker barrel the next time I enter Sak's Fifth Avenue.

LIMITED SERVICE

Well, my deadline must have been approached for they placed me on limited service. They said it was because of my eyesight, but I think that was just a kind evasion on the part of benevolent reclassification board which said I was a candidate for section eight. They assigned me to D.E.M. L.

When I first saw the D.E.M. barracks, it put new heart into me, because I had to climb three flights of stairs to my quarters. But that was only a beginning for, as I lay abed that night I fell asleep out of sheer exhaustion.

When I finally fell asleep out of sheer exhaustion, I was troubled and I'd awaken with a horrid start from the sheer misery of it all.

Another incident blight was the nourishing food thrust upon me and at regular intervals, too. During my formative years I have been used to toast coffee eaten in a single bite in a matter of seconds with one hand while dressing with the other, a souffle and a salad for lunch and Heaven knows what sandwiched in between cocktail time and night duty at a favorite spot. On the brink of 40 and weighing 160 pounds more than I consider decent. I can shudder when I think

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During my formative years I have been used to toast coffee eaten in a single bite in a matter of seconds with one hand while dressing with the other, a souffle and a salad for lunch and Heaven knows what sandwiched in between cocktail time and night duty at a favorite spot. On the brink of 40 and weighing 160 pounds more than I consider decent. I can shudder when I think

of the time when I was beginning to feel again.

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One of the reasons I gave up my next flat in Patchin Place was because it seemed very dirty and backwatered with the old people. And there were trolley lines and nearby firehouse to relieve the crossroads stagnation.

My rooms, kitchenette, and bath on East Twenty-fourth street boasted the proximity of two subway ways to